Mitigation measures

Industry likes to say that they'll mitigate what ever comes up.

Waste encapsulation



Permanent water filled impoundments.



Lake and Ocean disposal



Waste Blending

- Technically possible for mill tailings and some heap leach waste.
- Difficult for waste rock.

Reactive mineral removal/backfilling

Really only possible for milled waste.

Mine Plugging

- Always popular especially among those with minimal mine experience.
- Inexpensive compared to other mitigation measures.
- Has a certain "out of site, out of mind" aura.

Dredge spoils

Put them back into a reducing environment.

Discussion